

# **Oliver M. Wilson letter S1414**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Wilson, Oliver M. (Oliver Morris), 1836-1907
<b>Title</b>	Oliver M. Wilson letter
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<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S1414

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## Biographical Note

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Born in Logansport, Indiana, on August 16, 1836, Oliver M. Wilson was the son of Lazarus Brown and Mary Todd Barbee Wilson. He studied law at Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, and was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1859. He and his wife Mary Actelia, whom he married on October 4, 1860, had six children. Oliver worked for the Indianapolis Sinking Fund Commission in 1860, and the Swamp Land Commission in 1862. During the Civil War, he served as captain of the 54th Volunteer Regiment. From 1865-1871, Mr. Wilson was secretary of the Indiana Senate. He wrote the "Digest of Parliamentary Law." In 1871, he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives. During President Grant's administration, Oliver served as assistant U.S. district attorney. In 1887, he opened a private law practice in Kansas. He died on July 19, 1907, in Kansas City, Missouri.

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## Scope and Contents

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This letter was typed on August 27, 1898, in the law office of Oliver M. Wilson, Kansas City, Kansas, addressed to his "Dear Old Friend," Honorable Robert Wesley McBride (1842-1926). Based upon information in the letter, Robert McBride was an assistant to Oliver Wilson when he served in the Indiana Senate. Oliver left Indiana in 1887 "on account of my health and to get out and rid of politics." He recovered his health and did get out of politics. Oliver wrote to Robert about his friend, Arthur E. Russell, Secretary of the Portsmouth Investment Company, because Mr. Russell showed Oliver "the circular of the State Life Insurance Company" and asked if he knew the people, which he did. Mr. Russell would be in charge of the loan department of Mr. McBride's company. Oliver wrote: "if you need an attorney I will be glad to serve you."

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Personal Name(s)

- McBride, Robert W. (Robert Wesley), 1842-1926

### Subject(s)

- Correspondence
- Law practice--Kansas City (Kan.)